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SUBJECT: GERMAN REACTION TO IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

1. THE FOCUS OF FRG ATTENTION AND CONCERN AFTER LAST WEEK'S IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IS ON THE PREPARATORY MEETING (PREPCON) WITH PRODUCERS.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL MINISTER ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND AGAIN MORNING OF FEBRUARY 10, CHANCELLORY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS LOECK EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE US WAS PLACING "NEW HURDLES" IN THE WAY OF THE PREPCON. HE WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US WAS DEMANDING ACCEPTANCE BY THE IEA OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AS A PRECONDITION FOR THE PREPCON. WITHOUT REFERRING TO HIM BY NAME LOECK NOTED THAT THE CHANCELLOR WOULD BE VERY UPSET IF THERE WERE FURTHER HITCH IN PREPARATION FOR PREPCON. IN RESPONDING TO LOECK WE DREW ON MARTINIQUE COMMUNIQUE, THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD DECISION (OECD PARIS 3458) AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS' FEBRUARY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE (OECD PARIS 3468).

3. IN CONTRAST TO LOECK, ECONOMICS MINISTRY DEPUTY ENERGY DIRECTOR KITTEL EXPRESSED NO MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE US POSITION ON THE PRECONDITIONS FOR THE PREPCON. IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MORNING OF FEBRUARY 10 KITTEL SAID HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT THE DEFINITIVE DECISIONS ON THE PREPCON WOULD NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL THE MARCH 6-7 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. GERMAN PRESS REPORTING ON PRECONDITIONS FOR THE PREPCON IS FUZZY BUT LEAVES THE IMPLICATION THAT THE WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR A MEETING IN LATE MARCH.

4. ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN TO THE FRG IS THE ISSUE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPCON. LOECK UNDERLINED GERMAN SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH AS CHAIRMAN AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PREPCON IN BOLSTERING GISCARD'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL POSITION. LOECK SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THE FRENCH INTENDED TO HAVE THEIR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHAIR THE PREPCON. KITTEL REMARKED THAT GIVEN THE NON-SUBSTANTIVE NATURE OF THE PREPCON THE ISSUE OF THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD NOT POSE MUCH OF A PROBLEM (IMPLYING THAT THE US SHOULD AGREE TO LET FRANCE CHAIR THE MEETING).

5. KITTEL MENTIONED THAT THE FRENCH WERE RAISING

OBJECTIONS TO THE IEA ATTENDING THE PREPCON IN
AN OBSERVER'S STATUS. HE SAID THE FRENCH ARE ARGUING
THAT SUCH A STEP COULD BE INTERPRETED AS
CONFRONTATIONAL BY THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. HE
STATED THAT LANTZKE AS WELL AS THE FRG WERE ARGUING
TO THE CONTRARY THAT IEA ATTENDANCE WOULD BE A
MANIFESTATION OF ITS DESIRE FOR COOPERATION.
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